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F_N Coming Soon... A Better Way to Know What's Happening in City Hall!

Welcome to your online recap of City actions and vital stories for folks who care about Auburn. Found twice monthly at the corner of City Hall and your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Upcoming Dates

The May 26th City Council Meeting is cancelled due to Memorial Day.
The next regular City Council Meeting will be June 9th.

Chamber Forum May 20th
7:00 a.m.

Traffic Committee May 20th
8:30 a.m.

Planning Commission May 20th
6:00 p.m.

Chamber Forum May 27th
7:00 a.m.

In case you haven't already read about it (or heard the sounds of great glee echoing through City Hall from the City Clerk's Office!) Auburnites are about to see a big change in the way information on official actions is made available to the general public. A cloud-based content management system called the Granicus Open Government Platform will allow anyone to access and do keyword searches of stored documents through the City's website. It will also allow City staff to link a Council meeting agenda to a video of that meeting, so that you can choose a certain agenda item and jump directly to view that particular part of the meeting. This new ability to stream video through the website will provide easy, on-demand access, in addition to the usual scheduled video production aired regularly by Auburn Community Television (ACTV). ACTV will continue video production of the Council meetings as a community service and expects improved quality as the result of new camera equipment also approved by the City Council. Assuming no delays in equipment purchases and service agreements, changes can be expected as early as next month. Stay tuned to future editions of FastNews. We'll be sure to keep you up-to-date about our progress on this exciting and valuable project that starts to usher the City of Auburn into the 21st century!

F_N A Word from Our New City Manager

Soon-to-arrive City Manager Tim Rundel sent this message to us, along with a photo of the cake from his farewell party!

"The countdown to my first day in office (May 29th) is quickly approaching. A new job and moving across the country are typically listed among the top five in major 'stress related' life events. I can honestly say that I have a tremendous sense of peace in accepting the offer to be the next Auburn City Manager. My wife Brandy and I can't wait to call Auburn home. When I interviewed for this position, I told the Mayor and Council I wanted to be a city manager of a community that I could invite friends and family to visit without hesitation or reservation. Based on the overwhelming positive emails and phone calls that I have received from the Mayor, Council, elected officials, staff, local media, and community leaders, I am 100% certain that I 'struck gold' with Auburn!"



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F_N Farewell to One of Our Auburn Icons

We are sad to note the loss of Ruby Payne, a longtime volunteer and cherished friend of the City who passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 9. Ruby was an avid volunteer at both the Auburn Police and Fire Departments. Helping out around City Hall as well, she was sworn in as a Deputy City Clerk in 2004. Many residents will fondly remember Ruby and her husband, Glenn, as the generous couple associated with Christmas decorations around City Hall, including hand-carved presents under the tree. Here's Ruby with (now) Retired Battalion Chief "Wild Bill" Zander, registering entries for the Auburn St. Patrick's Day parade in 2007. She will be missed!

F_N Log Those Bike Miles!

Reminder: May is Bike Month and we in Auburn have something at stake! No matter how frequently you ride, logging miles will help the region reach a goal of more than two million miles for 2014. Last year, over 1,100 Placer County residents registered for May is Bike Month and rode their bikes more than 232,000 miles collectively. **Those from Auburn accounted for more miles ridden per capita than any city in the region.** Register at www.MayisBikeMonth.com to help us keep our bragging rights!

F_N California State Department of Finance Releases Population Estimates

Using data from the 2010 Decennial Census and other sources, the California State Department of Finance released its annual population estimates on April 30, showing that Auburn grew by 1.7% or 234 people to a total of 13,804. For all those data geeks, check out the charts and details [here!](#)

F_N In Recognition of Public Service

The first week in May has been noted as "Public Service Recognition Week" since 1985, a time to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees dedicated to connecting citizens with their government. As we prepare the information and stories for this **FastNews** edition, we are reminded about the image of public servants by this quote from J. Michael Wilkes, City Manager of Olathe, KS: "We are blessed to have the privilege to serve our friends and neighbors in these things called communities. Public service is a wonderful calling, and those who follow it leave an indelible mark on their communities. Each marks a story of heroism, courage, honesty, endurance, character or generosity. These are the stories we are obligated to tell. These are the stories worth telling." We are proud to be your public servants. Thank you to our Auburn community for the privilege of serving you.